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TOPIC Military Information from Weissenfels

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. Between 8 and 29 March 1954, the Infanterie Kaserne (8521) in Weissenfels was occupied by about 1,200 troops wearing black-bordered red epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. In the afternoon on 29 March, 4 SU-76 guns, each occupied by 8 troops, went from the railroad station to the barracks installation.

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2. Between 13 and 29 March, the Pionier Kaserne (8522) was again occupied to capacity by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. On 8 March, the installation had been occupied by an estimated 600 to 700 troops. During the night on 7 March, a unit from Pionier Kaserne with about 20 tanks was allegedly entrained at the Weissenfels railroad station and was dispatched toward west. On 13 March, 15 T-34/85 tanks and 3 SU-100 guns were cleaned by about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets in front of the vehicle sheds in the installation.

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[REDACTED] with ammunition boxes and equipment went to the barracks installation from the railroad station. [REDACTED] left the installation toward Selau.

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Comment. Units confirmed in Weissenfels in March [REDACTED] heavy weapons and branch of service insignia include: the 174th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt in the Infanterie Kaserne north of Selauerstrasse; and the 17th Gds Tank SP Regt in the Pionier Kaserne south of Selauerstrasse. The 932d AAA Bn (US) is carried in the Infanterie Kaserne. According to railroad records, 3 trains were dispatched to the Ohrdruf-Kindel area from Weissenfels on 7 March. An exercise of the reinforced 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div was held there after 8 March. The fact that some of the SP guns [REDACTED] indicate that these guns had returned from the exercise mentioned.

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